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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 1378

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TAGS: ETRD, SOCI, UY, BR, US

SUBJ: POSSIBLE SMUGGLING OF BLOOD TO U.S.

DEPARTMENT PASS TO SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH, U.S. CUSTOMS
SERVICE

1. URUGUAY'S NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
OF POSSIBILITY THAT BLOOD IS BEING SMUGGLED FROM BRAZIL TO THE
U.S. VIA MONTEVIDEO. HE ASKED THAT FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE
PASSED TO U.S. CUSTOM'S SERVICE, AND THAT FUTURE SHIPMENTS TO
THE RECIPIENT FIRM BE CHECKED. HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING IN-
FORMED OF ANY RESULTS.

2. THE DIRECTOR SAID HIS INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE, IN CONJUNCTION
WITH UNIDENTIFIED BRAZILIAN SOURCES, HAVE INFORMATION THAT A
LABORATORY IN OR NEAR NOVO HAMBURGO, BRAZIL IS THE SOURCE OF THE
SMUGGLED BLOOD. HE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL
HEALTH THREAT TO THE U.S. BECAUSE THE LAB, ACCORDING TO HIS
SOURCES, ACCEPTS ALL DONORS REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATE OF HEALTH.

3. ONE SHIPMENT OF POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED BLOOD IS BELIEVED TO
HAVE ENTERED URUGUAY AT RIO BRANCO AND REACHED MONTEVIDEO WHERE
IT WAS PUT INTO A SHIPMENT OF 1008 CASES OF SHOES WHICH LEFT
URUGUAY FOR MIAMI ON FEBRUARY 22, 1975 ON AEROTRANSPORTES ENTRE
RIOS. THE SHIPMENT WAS CONSIGNED TO BUTLER'S SHOE CORPORATION.

4. URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION.

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WHILE ANXIOUS TO HELP, IT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL

TO CHECK ALL OF THE MANY SHOE SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S. IT IS
SPOT-WEIGHING SUCH SHIPMENTS ON A RANDOM BASIS, BUT CAN DO
LITTLE MORE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT U.S. CUSTOMS BE INFORMED AND, IF
POSSIBLE INVESTIGATE BUTLER'S SHOE CORPORATION SHIPMENTS ENTER-
ING THE U.S. FROM URUGUAY; THAT WE BE INFORMED OF RESULTS, POSI-
TIVE OR NEGATIVE, OF ANY SUCH INVESTIGATIONS.

6. WE HAVE PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICER
DOUGLAS MONROE WHO HAS BEEN HERE CONDUCTING A TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICERS. HE WILL REPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS DIVISION, U.S. CUSTOMS, ON APRIL 28.
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